

What's happening in

LOWELL Today

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LOWELL HISTORICAL MUSEUM



"Ordinary people; extraordinary history!" is the defining tag line used by our museum. Lowell and vicinity was settled by ordinary and tenacious homesteaders who by their own deeds created an extraordinary history.

Our mission is to collect, preserve and interpret objects of historical significance that pertain to Lowell and the surrounding region. The Lowell Historical Museum was founded by the Lowell Bicentennial Committee in 1976. This committee consisted of local residents who's ambition it was to preserve Lowell's history. Since the founding, the museum has continued to grow and with this growth the committee's vision has come to fruition.

The City of Lowell was founded in 1881 when the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad bypassed Bloomington. Originally founded on Osage and Caddo Indian lands, Bloomington was located one mile east of the railroad. The little village had been all but decimated by a cyclone when it's residents opted to move near the new railroad rather than rebuilding.

Located on the Wire Road, Bloomington was a major transport artery that ran from the Missouri border south to Fayetteville and beyond. Heavy wagon traffic cut deep ruts in the road, and when rains came the ruts filled with water which created a muddy mess. One rainy day a south bound stagecoach driver stopped at the tavern to 'wet his whistle'. Returning to the stagecoach, he found it had sunk to it's axles in mud. After letting out a string of cuss words, he muttered "this place orta be called Mudtown!" The name stuck (no pun intended), and Bloomington became known thereafter as Mudtown.

The City of Lowell is steeped in history. Nearby is historic Cross Hollow, an area first inhabited by indigenous tribes 10,000 years ago. Cross Hollow was a camp ground for the thousands of displaced Cherokee's who were forced from their homes in Georgia and Tennessee, and marched to Indian Territory along the Trail of Tears in 1837-38. Later Cross Hollow became the site of winter quarters for the Confederate Army prior to the battle of Pea Ridge, Leetown and Elkhorn Tavern. The first over-land mail traversed the area on it's way to San Francisco, CA on September 17, 1858. Today, historic Cross Hollow is on the National Register of Historic Sites.

The Lowell Historical Museum is filled with artifacts, photos, displays, farming equipment, old quilts, and other interesting items. The founders and staff are pleased to refer to the museum as "The Crown Jewel of Lowell". We invite you to come share with us the exciting history of Lowell.



Museum hours are
Saturdays 10:00 am -
4:00 pm, Sundays
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm,
and anytime by
appointment. To
arrange an off hours
appointment, please
contact Director
Glenn Jones at (479)
601-3713.



9th Annual Quilt Fair
Sept. 9, 2006 - 7:30 am to 4:30 pm
Registration 7:30 - 8:30 am

CONGRATULATIONS LOWELL PIRANHAS!

The 2006 season proved to be a successful one for the Lowell Piranhas. They competed in nine tournaments in Arkansas placing third or better in all but one. The Piranhas finished their season at the State Tournament in Bentonville the weekend of June 23 placing third out of 21 teams.



Front row: Bryce Bray, Konstantin Storkov, Dakota Riggin, Nolan Farnan, Forrest Ward.

2nd row: Josh Beard, Jacob Kent, Zach Brunetti, Chandler Russell, Max Harrell, Jackson Hannah.

Back row: Coach Jeff Russell, Mayor Phil Biggers, Coach Heath Ward, Coach/Manager Randy Beard

SUMMER FUN!



The Lowell Parks and Recreation Department is excited about the "Kids Ride Free" with Ozark Regional Transit. Kids ages 7-19 ride the bus free all summer through August. Why is that exciting? From route 48 in Lowell a kid could choose to go to the NWA Mall by transferring to the Springdale route and on the way back home go to the Springdale Aquatic Center. Transferring to the Rogers route will take a kid to the Rogers Activity Center where there is free skateboarding and a splashpark available. Find out where the bus stops in Lowell by picking up a schedule and route map at the City Administration offices at 201 Presidential. After that, hop on the bus!

If you want more activity watch a baseball practice at one of our two ball fields on the Lowell and McClure parks. The Lowell Piranhas and Rogers Patriots will most likely be practicing in the evenings. You can also play basketball or tennis on the Lowell Park and both parks have a sand volleyball court.

For more of a leisurely outing, reserve one of the pavilions for your birthday or family reunion. Each pavilion has a well maintained playground next to them to enjoy with your family.

For more information call the Lowell Parks and Recreation Department at 770-2185. Have a great summer and remember, "Kids Ride the Bus Free!"

CALENDAR

JULY

- 3

Planning Commission Work Session
Council Chambers
6:00 pm
- 4



4th of July

HOULDAY

City
Offices
Closed

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City Council Meeting
Council Chambers
7:00 pm
- 17

Planning Commission Meeting
Council Chambers
6:00 pm
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City Council Meeting
Council Chambers
7:00 pm
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AUGUST

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City Council Meeting
Council Chambers
7:00 pm
- 7

Planning Commission Work Session
Council Chambers
6:00 pm
- 15

City Council Meeting
Council Chambers
7:00 pm
- 21

Planning Commission Meeting
Council Chambers
6:00 pm

JUST MOVED TO LOWELL?



Pick up your Welcome to Lowell New Resident Packet from Lowell City Admin. today!

We are located at
201 Presidential Drive,
Suite 100.

VISIT OUR UPDATED WEBSITE
to view previous issues of
this newsletter
<http://www.lowellarkansas.gov>

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FREE!
All summer long!

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